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SUBJECT: FRANCO-SAUDI OIL DEAL

REF: JIDDA 6420

A WELL-PLACED QUAI SOURCE (BELLEISSUE - THEN ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT) TOLD US RECENTLY THAT THE LARGE FRANCO-SAUDI OIL DEAL UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR MANY MONTHS WAS PRACTICALLY SEWED UP AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE EXPECTED SHORTLY. HE GAVE NO DETAILS, BUT SAID THAT THE POSTPONEMENT OF PRINCE FAHD'S PLANNED EARLY NOVEMBER VISIT TO FRANCE WAS NOT RELATED TO THE DEAL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF STOPPED IN PARIS LAST WEEKEND AFTER THE RABAT SUMMIT.

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